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--As to the covering rate, it may be designed flexibly according to the situation. For instance, each light control pattern is viewed across some additional elements such as the polarization plate in the embodiments of Figs. 6 and 7. Accordingly, fine regions with sizes larger than the above stated data may be employed to form light control patterns.

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--These glass substrates and polarization plates may be unified. For example, unifying of glass substrate and polarization plate may be applied behind the liquid crystal layer in the embodiment of Fig. 6, in front of the liquid crystal layer in the embodiment of Fig. 7 and at the both sides of the liquid crystal layer in the embodiment of Fig. 1, respectively.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (ONCE AMENDED) A surface light source device of side light type applied to auxiliary lighting in a liquid crystal display including a liquid crystal display panel, comprising:
a guide plate; and
a primary light source to supply primary light to an incidence end face provided by a minor face of the guide plate, said guide plate having major faces to provide a back face and an illumination output face, wherein
said illumination output face is provided with no light scattering property and supplies light toward a front face of said liquid crystal display panel;
said back face provides a light control face provided with emission promoting properties which help light propagating within the guide plate to escape from said illumination output face.
2. (ONCE AMENDED) A surface light source device of side light type in accordance with claim 1, wherein said light control face comprises a number of dot-like fine regions to promote emission.
3. (ONCE AMENDED) A surface light source device of side light type if accordance with claim 2, wherein said dot-like fine regions are arranged with irregularity.

4. (ONCE AMENDED) A surface light source device of side light type if accordance with claim 2, wherein said dot-like fine regions are roughened partial regions in said back face.

5. (ONCE AMENDED) A surface light source device of side light type if accordance with claim 3, wherein said dot-like fine regions are roughened partial regions in said back face.

9. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display comprising:
a liquid crystal display panel; and
a surface light source device of side light type for auxiliary lighting, wherein said surface light source device of side light type comprises a guide plate and a primary light source to supply primary light to an incidence end face provided by a minor face of the guide plate and said guide plate having major faces to provide a back face and an illumination output face; wherein

said illumination output face is provided with no light scattering property and supplies light toward a front face of said liquid crystal display panel; and,

said back face provides a light control face provided with emission promoting property which helps light propagating within the guide plate to escape from said illumination output face.

10. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display in accordance with claim 9, wherein said light control face comprises a great number of dot-like fine regions to promote emission.

11. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display in accordance with claim 10, wherein said dot-like fine regions are arranged with irregularity.

12. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display in accordance with claim 10, wherein said dot-like fine regions are roughened partial regions in said back face.

13. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display in accordance with claim 11, wherein said dot-like fine regions are roughened partial regions in said back face.

17. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display comprising:
a liquid crystal layer;
a reflection plate disposed at a back side of said liquid crystal layer;

a first polarization plate interposed between said liquid crystal layer and said reflection plate;

a second polarization plate disposed at a front side of said liquid crystal layer; and,

a surface light source device of side light type for auxiliary lighting which comprises a guide plate and a primary light source to supply primary light to an incidence end face provided by a minor face of the guide plate, said guide plate having major faces to provide a back face and an illumination output face, wherein

said illumination output face is provided with no light scattering property,

said back face provides a light control face provided with emission promoting properties which help light propagating within the guide plate to escape from said illumination output face;

said guide plate being interposed between said liquid crystal layer and the second polarization plate so that said illumination output face is directed to said liquid crystal layer.

19. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display in accordance with claim 17, wherein said light control face is provided with a great number of dot-like fine regions to promote emission.

21. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display in accordance with claim 19, wherein said dot-like fine regions are arranged with irregularity.

23. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display in accordance with claim 19, wherein said dot-like fine regions are roughened partial regions in said back face.

25. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display in accordance with claim 21, wherein said dot-like fine regions are roughened partial regions in said back face.

27. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display in accordance with any one of claims 19, 21, 23 or 25, wherein said fine regions have such dimensions respectively as to make the fine regions almost invisible.

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-5, 9-13, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25 and 27 have been